

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, we are back on the main bill. I have two lights on. Senator DeCamp and Senator Labedz, do both of you wish to speak on the bill? Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DECAMP: (Response inaudible.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: No. Senator Labedz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: (Response inaudible.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, do you wish to close on the bill, Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I do wish to close only to clear up some things. I am offering the amendment in the bill because I think every member here knows there is nothing that has been more of a really heated thorny thing in the country than the double jeopardy question. Now they've worked out a solution, it is a new idea, but it didn't come just accidentally. Senator Haberman said well how come I wasn't in on the negotiations...the committee wasn't in on the negotiations. They were. The negotiations consisted of my telling the groups go work something out, go work something out, go work something out, we're going to solve it, come back when you've got to...if you don't solve it, if you don't solve it, we'll go out and pass Cal Carsten's original bill and Vickers original bill which just wipes out the whole concept of double jeopardy. Either come up with something everybody lives with, or that is what you are going to get. I didn't sit in on the negotiations, Rex. I get bored with that stuff. I told them come back. They came back about three times, and finally, here in the last week, two weeks they've reached agreement. I am as amazed as anybody in the room that they finally settled it. In fact, I never really believed they would, but they did. So why not seize the opportunity to get this one out of our hair. Every year, for the last three or four years, there are at least 10 or 15 bills introduced on this subject coming at it from a difficult angle, every single one. The system of financing agriculture is big money. The marketing of agricultural products is the single biggest business in the state. Cattle alone are \$4 billion a year. That is what is involved in one item that this covers, the marketing of \$4 billion worth of livestock. That doesn't take up grain or anything else. This settles this issue. It is a major settlement. Take it and run. At least for three